

Remarks

The specification is amended to correctly identify the referenced related patent application.


Comment on Statement of Reasons for allowance.

The Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance implies that the claimed invention was allowed because the prior art did not disclose certain limitations found in the claims. The limitations characterized by the Examiner, however, if indeed found in the prior art, would not render the claimed invention invalid under 35 USC §102 because the claimed invention includes a number of limitations not addressed in the reasons for allowance. With respect to 35 USC §103, the rigors of establishing a *prima facie* case of obviousness include not only a showing that the prior art teaches the entire claimed invention (all limitations are to be considered), but also that combining the various prior art references is suggested in the art or that there would be motivation to make the combination. Unless Applicants hear otherwise, the comments herein are, as intended, clarifying in a manner consistent with the law.

No extension of time is believed to be necessary for consideration of this amendment. However, if an extension of time is required, please consider this a petition for a sufficient number of months for consideration of this response. If there are any additional fees in connection with this response, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0996 (LMCO.003PA).

Respectfully submitted,

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